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Kiwi coach crows: we'll kill Aussies

By PAUL MOON and LAURIE SCHWAB

"We are not looking for a narrow win against Australia on April 25," New Zealand national coach John Adshead informed a meeting of potential sponsors in Auckland late last week.

"We will go for something like 3-0 and our team is capable of doing it," he said.

"There is an honesty of purpose about the squad that I have not encountered before. I genuinely believe we can win comprehensively."

If that confidence is well justified,

SUPER SOCCER?

The ASF is reported to be planning a mid-week night series between at least two overseas teams in May-June to raise money for the Socceroos' World Cup expenses.

No Australian teams or players would be involved in the series.

rather than being mere swagger, it may add to the storm clouds gathering over Australia's World Cup campaign.

But Adshead's statements also will fire up the Australian players.

They certainly need motivation after recent developments.

First came the news that Ken Boden of Sydney City may miss at least the first three World Cup matches, against New Zealand, Indonesia and Taiwan, because he is not yet eligible for naturalisation.

Then John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg found himself in the same boat and probably will miss at least the first game, against New Zealand.

Both players have been here since



• Adshead • Yzendoorn • Boden

1978 but the Immigration Department apparently does not credit them with the required three years of residency because they spent time outside Australia during that period — Yzendoorn while trialling with Ipswich and Boden while holidaying in England.

The change of venue for the return game against New Zealand also may affect Australia's chances.

The game was to have been played in Melbourne but now is scheduled for the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday, May 16.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf does not want to play in Sydney. "I am not

interested in Sydney," he said. "They treat us badly there. I want to play all the home games in Melbourne, or Canberra. The players feel better in Melbourne. They have had good results there and they give their best effort there. I would have preferred Melbourne, but I can't do anything. I am just an employee."

Meanwhile, John Kosmina of Sydney City continues to maintain his fine form, intent on breaking into the national team. Another player who could come under consideration is Arthur Xanthopoulos, who starred as an attacking libero in South Melbourne's 2-1 victory over Heidelberg last Sunday.

The Socceroos of Marconi — Tony Henderson, Eddie Krncevic, Mark Janakovic in particular — recaptured their best form in beating Adelaide City 1-0 in Adelaide, but Heidelberg striker Gary Cole remains out of touch, possibly due to the extreme heat.

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Croatia tops, thanks to Carl Gilder

Tough striker Carl Gilder of Essendon Croatia has emerged as the star of the Victorian Ampol Cup series.

And George Cross is the most improved team after last weekend's round.

Gilder (pictured) who has represented Victoria seven times, scored two goals (and missed a penalty) in Croatia's 3-0 victory over Altona and he is at the heart of all the Croatia attacks.

Not surprisingly, Croatia is the top-scoring team in the series.

George Cross, strengthened by Ged Bannon and Dave Rigby from Hakoah, Harry McKinlay from Croydon, Paul Gambin from Ajax, Brandon Farmer from Altona and Brian Flaherty from Keilor-Austria, came good with a 2-1 victory over previously unbeaten Hakoah.

The 'Cross, coached by its former star winger Archie Campbell, should have an intriguing battle with fellow Mafese club Ajax in the State League championship which starts on April 4.

Gilder's brilliant form has prompted keen interest from Philips League clubs eager to strengthen their forward lines but the \$20,000 transfer fee which has been quoted for him may prove prohibitive.

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VSF KICKS ON WITH BUFFALO

The Victorian Soccer Federation announced a \$100,000 three-year sponsorship deal with Buffalo Sports last week at Soccer House.

Believed to be the first of its kind involving a State Federation, the deal was the culmination of negotiations between Buffalo spokesman Eane Whitton and VSF marketing officer Lew Stafrace.

"This is a momentous occasion in Victorian soccer," said VSF president John Dimitis.

"Top sponsors are hard to come by and on behalf of the VSF I pledge our support to Buffalo Sports and I welcome our partnership."

The sponsorship starts on March 1 and will be re-negotiated at the end of the third year.

The sponsorship gives the top four clubs in 11 affiliated leagues the opportunity to win lucrative rewards.

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The promotions wing of the Victorian Junior League Management Committee will receive \$5,000 and Country Leagues promotions will gain \$2,000.

Sponsorship banners and promotions of the sponsorship deal will total \$16,800.

The deal stamps the VSF as one of the most progressive federations in Australia.



Captains clash. South Melbourne captain Alan Evans (right) stays upright as Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon falls while trying to rob Evans. Heidelberg fell down 2-1 at the end of the local derby. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

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Senkalski's back

Joe Senkalski (right) has been recalled to the national squad.

The Newcastle KB midfielder will be back for a training game against the national youth team on March 11.

"I will have a close look at him and decide whether he will remain in the squad for the World Cup games," national coach Rudi Gutendorf said this week.

"He would have been in the squad all along had it not been for his injuries."

Senkalski was sent home from Australia's tour of China in late 1979 because of an injury.

He starred for Australia against Mexico in Melbourne last year.

Senkalski certainly will stay in the squad if Ken Boden and John Yzendoorn fail to gain citizenship before the first World Cup game, against New Zealand, on April 25.

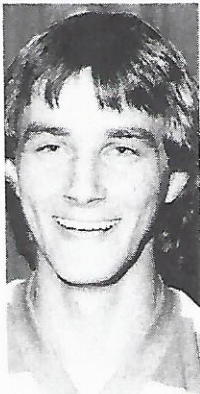
Meanwhile, Gutendorf will fly to Saudi Arabia on March 16 to watch the Asian Group Three World Cup qualifying tournament which starts on March 18.

He will spend about a week in Saudi Arabia.

Gutendorf last week urged all national team players to do additional training to improve their fitness.

"Every Socceroo should do an hour's running and exercising every morning before going to work. After all, they will be well paid if they qualify for Spain."

He revealed that he had suggested to the ASF a bonus of between \$7000 and \$10,000 a man should the Socceroos reach the World Cup finals.



ASK A TASMANIAN ABOUT THE SOCCEROOS AND HE'LL SAY:

The Soccer Who?

By WALTER PLESS

The fact that the Australian national soccer team, the Socceroos, has never played in Tasmania is a national disgrace.

More youngsters than ever are playing soccer in Tasmania but their idols remain overseas players like Keegan, Maradona, Dalglish and Clemence.

They follow club teams like Liverpool, Spurs and Arsenal, or national teams such as England, West Germany, Brazil and Argentina, rather than their own country's national side.

Soccer receives relatively little exposure on Tasmanian television. What it does receive is entirely from overseas. 'Match of the Day', 'The Road to Wembley', and the occasional, very brief news-clip, represents the grand total.

It is from these that the local youngsters glean their information. As for the Australian scene — nothing! Names like Kosmina, Krncevic, Sharne Davidson and Treddinnick mean little, if anything.

A visit to Tasmania by the Socceroos would familiarise the local youngsters (and many adults also) with the big names in Australian soccer. It would also give young players a glimpse of what the future might hold for them. Such a vision is essential if soccer is to develop.

Financially, a visit by the Socceroos might not be an outstanding success. This should not always be the prime consideration, however.

As a public relations exercise it would be a hit.

Many overseas national teams play their home internationals in more than one centre. West Germany plays in cities other than Munich, Brazil in cities other than Rio, Argentina in cities other than Buenos Aires.

This is so that the entire population has the chance to see the national side in action, even if only occasionally.

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Early-season performances in the PSL indicate many teams were not prepared for the league kick-off.

Little wonder!

You can't perform well without practicing well and without Ampol Cup involvement, most teams had only friendly games in which to gain match practice.

But a sparring partner is not the same as a league opponent, and so the inadequacy of preparation was painfully obvious in the first few league games.

Some performances by teams and individual players — including many of the Socceroos — were absolutely atrocious.

The heat obviously had a lot to do with it but for next year some form of pre-season competition may be necessary to ensure the teams are sharp for the start of the league.

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However, I had made it clear to the journalist who quoted me that what I was saying was off the record and not to be quoted.

It is normal practice to talk frankly to journalists under such circumstances and usually one is secure in the belief that the journalist will honor your wishes.

In this case, he did not. I was most disappointed as I always have had the highest regard for this journalist and for his usually ethical approach.

It helps, in terms of support, to 'show the flag' in the 'provinces' every now and then.

Tasmania has just obtained the services of a full-time Director of Coaching, Steve Darby, a highly qualified man in both the academic and sporting sphere.

He is determined to unite the Tasmanian soccer fraternity and advance the game in the State.

He has made a good start. He has conducted a Preliminary Coaching Course, taken training sessions with clubs, and appeared at two open forums on the subject of coaching.

He has many ideas, is willing to listen, and is keen to get things moving.

The Australian Soccer

Federation could really lend a hand by sending the Socceroos to Tasmania to play a game against local opposition.

Since Tasmania narrowly failed in its bid to enter a team in the Phillips League, a visit by the Socceroos is essential if soccer is to be promoted.

Now that Hobart has a ground equipped with floodlights, a match could be played during the week if necessary.

A large crowd would be guaranteed and the Socceroos might even boost their self-confidence by knocking in a few goals.

Most importantly, however, when asked about the Socceroos, youngsters would cease to answer: 'The Soccer Who?'

Cork pops up with Doc again

When Tommy Docherty took up the reins at Sydney Olympic he kept in mind a young fellow called David Cork whom he signed on apprentice professional forms while managing Manchester United in 1976.

One of 44 on United's playing staff, Cork failed to progress beyond the youth team, appearing alongside Andy Ritchie, Kevin Moran, Mike Dunbury and Gary Bailey, all of whom are now first division regulars.

Docherty's successor, Dave Sexton, released him at the end of the 1977-78 season, to be snapped up by home town club Doncaster Rovers.

Cork, just 5 ft. 6 ins. and weighing slightly over nine stone, was unable to make an impression in the English Fourth Division where strength, tenacity and workrate are the prerequisites for success.

After only nine appearances for Rovers, Cork was placed on the free transfer list in May 1980.

Speedy and creative either in midfield or on the wing, Cork should soon establish himself as a favorite amongst Pratten Park patrons. — PAUL MOON



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Boden and Yzendoorn show how little we have learned

The Ken Boden case showed yet again how little we have learned from past mistakes.

Most papers reported last week that there was grave doubt about whether Boden could be naturalised in time to play in Australia's opening World Cup game against New Zealand on April 25.

Now there's grave doubt also about John Yzendoorn's eligibility.

Remember 1977 when Jim Tansey had to be flown from Ba to Suva in Fiji to be naturalised after it was discovered at the last minute he did not have Australian citizenship? The Socceroos were in Fiji at the time to play World Cup matches against Taiwan.

Boden and Yzendoorn of course are not to blame in the present dilemma.

What disappoints me the most is that the administrators allowed the problem to come out into the open.

Now that it is public know-

ledge, the Immigration Department must feel obliged to treat Boden and Yzendoorn as it would treat any other resident. To show the players special consideration would constitute a precedent.

Had it been kept quiet, a bit of string-pulling may have been possible behind the scenes, but the administrators have bungled again and the Kiwis have good reason to chuckle.

If Boden is indeed ruled ineligible for the first World Cup game, it would be a painful blow to the Socceroos, as he is one of their most important attacking players.

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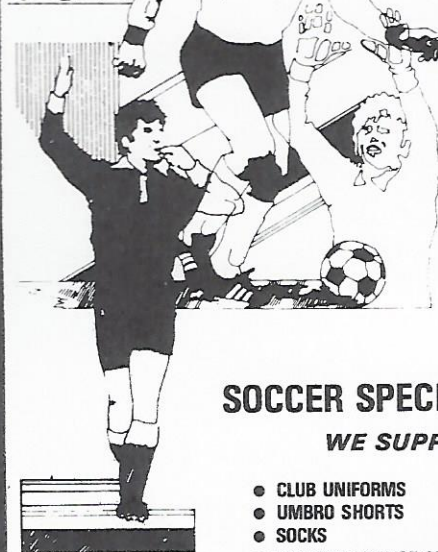
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Big gun on the way but Ron Davies bid fails

Preston fans are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a star recruit from England.

No names yet, but coach Brian Edgley has dropped a few hints.

The player is about 29, he is a midfielder or forward, he played about 82 games for Everton and 140 for "another First Division club" and since joining a club in the Second Division, that club has gone "nine or 10 games" without defeat.

"I'm 95% sure of getting him," Edgley said. "He has agreed verbally and we have sent him contracts to sign."

"I hope we can get him here within a few weeks."

But Edgley's attempt to pull off a coup by signing Welsh international striker Ron Davies from English Third Division club Fulham seems to have failed.

The English Football Association has clamped down on the movement of professional players reaping lucrative rewards from guest stints with overseas clubs, principally in the North American Soccer League.

"It's unfortunate that Australia has to suffer from an F.A. decision primarily aimed at stopping the problems associated with English players going to America during the off season," said Edgley.

"To get Davies we would have to pay a huge transfer fee, at least \$250,000 and take over his contract with Fulham."

"That means without bonuses we would be up for around \$800 a week which just isn't on."

Davies was keen to come here for a 12-game stint with Preston. He asked his secretary at Fulham to contact the Football League to clarify the situation but found out that his contract with Fulham would have to be cancelled and taken over by Preston.

"I still haven't given up hope. In fact I've written to the F.A. to look into the matter further," said Edgley.

"Davies would have been a tremendous acquisition. He's quick and excellent in the air. Actually he wasn't asking for a tremendous amount of money to come and play here but the F.A. ruling has set back our plans."

"There are quite a few English clubs after him

and I'm not so sure that Fulham can hold on to him much longer."

Edgley is confident about Preston's chances in the Phillips League, despite an unsuccessful start.

"We were a little bit overawed at first and so we played defensively, with a lot of emphasis on marking," he said.

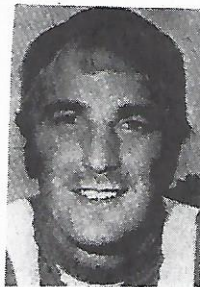
"But now we see that the PSL teams aren't as fantastic as they are made out to be."

"Against Marconi, we had to cope with seven or eight internationals, and we played well enough to win that match instead of losing it 1-0."

"I had Gordon Flavelle on Tony Henderson, Jeff Faulkner on Gary Byrne, Ljube Petrovski on Peter Sharne, John Higham on Eddie Krncevic and Peter Ollerton as sweeper and it all worked well."

"Now we are back to the attacking style that won us the State League last year."

"Our game is going at people, while of course still keeping it tight at the back, and that is what we want to do now. We've got the talent up front; in fact Cullen, McMillan and Brown are probably the fastest forward line in the league."



Ron Davies

Sanity at last: Shoulder

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

institute aren't the best 16 youths in the land... the institute isn't ready to cope with such a high intake of athletes.

These are some of the views of former Australian national coach Jim Shoulder, now Director of Soccer at the new Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Shoulder has been here for three weeks and has embarked on his task of organising and supervising a training program for 16 boys who have accepted scholarships at the institute.

"There are a few problems with this new project and the institute isn't really ready for the high intake of athletes," said Shoulder.

"Ideally speaking you would want another six or nine months to elapse before all the projects are fully equipped."

"We're better off than some other sports because we've been able to use the facilities at Canberra College which is about a mile away from the indoor centre."

"We're still waiting for some balls but they're on the way at last."

The 16 boys will form the squad which will represent the institute in the Eastern Region of the newly formed National Youth League. Shoulder will coach them.

"We haven't had a chance to properly prepare for the start of the season but I've been pleasantly surprised by the standard of the boys in practice matches."

"The players here mightn't be the best 16 in the land but they're among the best 30 or 40 youths and we've enough quality to have a better than useful side in the league."

"It's just not practical to turn these lads into full-timers," said Shoulder.

"I see them forming a supplementary pool of players from which lads can be drawn into the national youth side."

"I hope to improve the performance of the lads and maybe give Rudi Gutendorf a couple of names for October."

"Provided every boy walks away from the institute saying that it was worthwhile, that he's a better player for the experience and has a fuller understanding of what the game's about, then I'll have done my job."

In the youth league the boys at the institute play on Sun-

days, take a break on Mondays and train for the following four nights from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm, with another training session on Saturday mornings. They also will be supervised when they undertake a fitness circuit in their own time.

Shoulder will draw up a timetable so that every youth will have a personalised program of specialist coaching for an hour each week.

Shoulder's task is stiff but the rewards compensate for the work he must put in.

"Last June I had an application sent to me with a full specification of the job requirements and I liked what I read."

"I wanted to be involved in the development of young players, the financial rewards were good and since I last was here my family's grown so my wife and I felt that the prospects for the education and employment of our kids were better served by being in Canberra rather than in County Durham in England."

"Way back in 1975 there wasn't any national youth championships but there was a under-12 national championship."

"Now we're starting to put sanity back into the game here by implementing a youth championship, a national youth league and developing the institute."

"We're starting to use our resources properly at last."

"Sometimes progress has been like taking two steps backward and one step forward but overall we're progressing now."

Much of the progress to which Shoulder refers has been funded by Coca-Cola and he commends the company for being prepared to pour money into youth soccer as against senior soccer. He's also happy with the blend of players selected in his squad.

"I've got to congratulate Eric Worthington, Brian Emery and the others responsible for selecting these boys because I've got a well-balanced squad. There are lads with mobility, good dribblers, boys with strong physical attributes, some with fine balance. All in all I think we'll do well in the league. Having such a fine blend is a bonus to start with."

But the biggest bonus could be Shoulder's appointment. His work is instrumental to the future of Australian soccer.



Coach Jim Shoulder (standing, extreme right) with the 1976 national team. From left, standing: Marocchi, Harding, Jones, Kosmina, Reilly, Maher, Barnes, Ollerton, Bennett. Front: van Rijn (massour), Abonyi, J. Nyakohus, Muniz, Wilson, Rooney, Byrne, Harris, Williams.

Arms raised in triumph, Steve Kakantonis celebrates a goal for South Melbourne Hellas.

At long last there's a bit of sanity coming into Australian soccer... progress in the past has sometimes been like taking two steps backward and one step forward... the boys at the

Kakantonis to Footscray, Campbell out

South Melbourne Hellas has agreed to release speedy forward Steve Kakantonis to Footscray J.U.S.T. on loan until the end of the season.

But South Melbourne will not transfer Kakantonis until after its game against Footscray on Sunday.

"We don't want Steve scoring goals against us," team manager Leo Anazakis said.

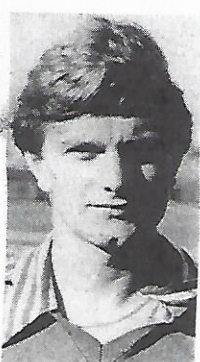
South Melbourne will require Footscray to insure Kakantonis for \$10,000 against injury and Kakantonis will revert back to Hellas at the end of the year.

"It is better for Steve to be playing regularly and improving, rather than sitting on the bench at Hellas," Anazakis said.

But Hellas' reserve strength has been dissipated by the sale of Rob Stewart to Frankston and an injury to George Campbell.

Exploratory surgery revealed last week that Campbell needs to have a cartilage operation, just as George Christopoulos did last year and Arthur Xanthopoulos two years ago.

It is likely that Campbell



George Campbell: out for the whole year?

will miss the rest of the season.

Footscray coach Cedo Kirkovic initiated moves to get Kakantonis. He coached Kakantonis while he was in charge of South Melbourne's Second Division team.

"He is very fast and he suits our style of play. He also can play well in midfield," Kirkovic said.

Kakantonis' first match in the blue strip probably will be against Preston Makedonia on Sunday week. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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Australian juniors to play in NZ?

Australia is one of 12 countries likely to be invited to compete in the 1982 Pan Pacific Youth Tournament, tentative plans for which were released by the New Zealand Junior Football Association last week.

Other possible participants in the tournament for teams under the age of 15 are Canada, China, Fiji, Japan, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands,

South Korea, Tahiti and Vanuatu.

Provisional venues include remote centres in both the North and South Islands which never have experienced representative soccer.

The teams will be divided into two groups, one based in the North Island, the other in the South. The winners of the groups will meet in the final at Wellington on May 22. — PAUL MOON

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets: the number of appearances in this team

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BYRNE (1)
(Marconi)

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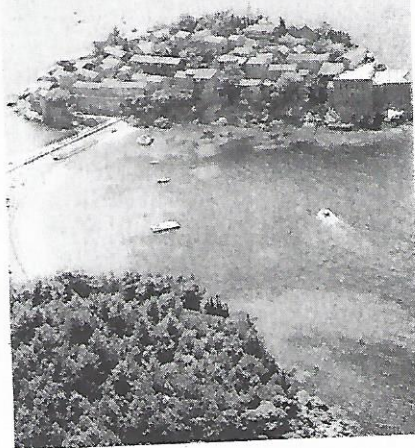
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

WOLLONGONG 2 (Treddinnick, Dunleavy) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Cozzella) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner:

6. de Graaf (W), 5. Ilioski (F), 4. Kyriakoulas (F), 3. Preston (W), 2. Dunleavy (W), 1. Treddinnick (W).

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Buljevic, Xanthopoulos) HEIDELBERG 1 (Paton) at Middle Park. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Shirra (SM), 5. Xanthopoulos (SM), 4. Yeendoom (H), 3. Evans (SM), 2. Buljevic (SM), 1. McMillan (H).

BRISBANE CITY 0 CANBERRA CITY 0 at Spencer Park. Votes by Bruce Waddell:

6. R. Wilson (Can), 5. P. Wilkinson (BC), 4. Ratcliffe (BC), 3. Stark (Can), 2. Hamilton (BC), 1. D. Cole (Can).

SYDNEY CITY 1 (Kosmina) WEST ADELAIDE 0 at St George Stadium. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Kosmina (SC), 5. Tymczyszyn (WA), 4. Muniz (SC), 3. Crook (WA), 2. Pezzano (SC), 1. McGregor (WA).

PRESTON 3 (Cullen, Lucchesi, Brown) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Katholos) at B. T. Connor Reserve. Votes by Kyle Patterson:

6. Cullen (P), 5. Petrovski (P), 4. Ollerton (P), 3. P. Wilson (SO), 2. Katholos (SO), 1. Brown (P).

NEWCASTLE KB 0 (Drinkwater) BLACKTOWN 1 (Salvage) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lazoni:

6. Drinkwater (N), 5. James (B), 4. Salvage (B), 3. Bertogno (N), 2. Djordjevic (B), 1. Pointer (B).

LEICHHARDT 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Lambert Park. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Kafka (L), 5. Hogg (BL), 4. Pullen (L), 3. Hemilton (BL), 2. Bennett (BL), 1. Wilson (L).

ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS 0 MARCONI 1 (Jankovic 63rd) at Hindmarsh. Votes by Mano Tountaldia:

6. Henderson (Marconi), 5. Byrne (Marconi), 4. Russell (Adelaide City), 3. Krnecvic (Marconi), 2. B. Nyakohus (Adelaide City), 1. Mitchell (Adelaide City).

Leaders:

12. C. Campbell (Woll), T. Byrne (Can), Hemilton (BL), 11. Ilioski (Footsc), Kosmina (SC).

10. Boyle (WA), Cullen (P), Drinkwater (Newc), Mitchell (AC).

9. de Graaf (Woll), Evans (SM), Ollerton (P), Bertogno (Newc).

8. Davidson (SM), Rooney (Newc), P. Wilkinson (BC), Pezzano (SC), Petrovski (P), Djordjevic (Black).

7. Kyriakoulas (Footsc), Stark (Can), Brown (P), Salvage (Black), Kafka, P. Wilson (L'hard), R. Russell (AC).

6. Zeros (SO), Bozanic, Tymczyszyn (WA), Perry, Coe (BC), Barnes (SC), Maher, Henderson (Marc), McClelland (Newc), Dunleavy, Treddinnick (Woll), Shirra, Buljevic (SM), R. Wilson (Can), Bennett (BL).

Leading scorers:

2. C. Campbell, McBreen, Dunleavy (Woll), Hughes (L'hard), McClelland, Buckley (Newc), Christopoulos (SM), Kosmina (SC).

Footscray first, and another match in the evening...

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Although soccer addiction doesn't present sociologists with a pressing social problem a curious phenomena on Sunday in Melbourne could be well worth observation.

South Melbourne meets Footscray at Schintler Reserve in the afternoon, and the soccer addicts who fail to get a hit out of this match can well and truly overdose on Sunday night when they stumble along to Olympic Park to turn on to the Heidelberg-Preston clash.

Oh to be Greek now that Sunday's approaching!

South Melbourne and Heidelberg have a floating group of fans who can enjoy the best of both worlds provided both sides aren't playing on the same day at the same time.

Sure, both teams have their ardent devotees but on Sunday the Greek soccer public has two chances to go home happy.

Two matches in the same day would be enough to whet the appetite of most fans. Two local derbies on the same day could pose cardio-vascular problems!

Sunday night's game is a first for Melbourne.

So is the expectation that Greek fans will pay eight dollars to watch South Melbourne in the afternoon and Heidelberg at night.

But there should be many smiling faces among the large

Greek contingent squashed into Schintler Reserve.

Footscray has a threadbare squad without the quality or depth of South Melbourne.

Footscray's greatest problem stems from its midfield.

Joe Picianone time and again is caught in possession, Siobadan Jovanovic is a fine player but below his best and Viatko Belic lacks finesse and experience. Indeed it's a mystery to me why Footscray allowed Mirko Rujcic to transfer to Victorian State League Northcote.

Zoran Iliski is a fine player. His value is best seen in his versatility. Coach Cedo Cirkovic can use Iliski as a libero in a five-man defence or push him into midfield.

But South Melbourne boasts one of the best midfield combinations in the PSL.

Billy Rogers, John Stevenson and Jim Shirra should reign supreme in the middle and guide Souths to another two points in its quest for title honours.

An out-of-sorts Heidelberg tackles Preston at 7.30 pm on Sunday night, in what should be a fiercely contested clash.



Robert Cullen

A draw looks the best bet as both sides are determined to erase the memory of poor starts to the season.

If Jim Tansey is fit his battle with Preston dynamo Rob Cullen should be a feature of this game.

Preston coach Brian Edgley thinks highly of Ljube Petrovski's marking ability so he may set Petrovski the daunting task of tagging Jamie Paton.

Preston is showing signs of regaining the powerhouse form of last year but Heidelberg's experience and class should match Preston's drive and enthusiasm.

Sydney's local derby featur-

This weekend's PSL clashes with likely winners in capitals:

IN SYDNEY

Blacktown v Leichhardt (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Adelaide City at Barton Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

Marconi v Brisbane City (draw) at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3pm.

HEIDELBERG v Preston at Olympic Park, Sunday night, 7.30pm.

IN CANBERRA

Canberra v SYDNEY CITY at Bruce Stadium, Saturday, 4pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v NEWCASTLE at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v Wollongong (draw) at Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

Games in the Australian Youth League Eastern Division with likely winners in capitals:

Leichhardt v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Lambert Park, Sunday, 12.45pm.

NEWCASTLE v Blacktown at the International Sports Centre, Sunday, 12.45pm.

Wollongong v MARCONI at Wollongong Showground, Sunday, 12.45pm.

Sports Institute v Sydney City (draw) at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 12.45pm.

Blacktown and Leichhardt at Gabbie Stadium this Sunday.

Neither side has impressed in early PSL rounds but they're sure to improve. The spirit and atmosphere of a local derby should bring out the best in Blacktown's Mike Milovanovic and Jovan Djordjevic and Leichhardt's Bill Pirie and Phil O'Connor.

Rival coaches Rale Rasic and Willie Wallace haven't made auspicious starts to the season. They'll impress the importance of a win here on their players.

Tommy Docherty's Sydney

Olympic should take both points from Adelaide City at Barton Stadium but Marconi won't have it all its own way against Brisbane City at Marconi Stadium.

The improved Brisbane City side should earn a valuable away point.

In other games Newcastle should maintain its championship drive by beating West Adelaide, Sydney City should be too well organised for Canberra but Ken Morton's Wollongong might have to settle for a point against Brisbane Lions at Richlands Stadium.



Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher punches clear of Adelaide City's David Jones. At left is Eddie Krncevic. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

CROWD WATCH

Total attendance for round three 34,521.
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Attendance breakdown:

	1980	1979	1978	1977
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SC v WA	2404 (1-0)	3174 (7-0)	1891 (3-0)	2000 (1-1)
BC v Can	12,500 (2-1)	8565 (0-0)	12,000 (0-1)	16,000 (1-1)
NSW v Black	2500 (0-0)	2863 (1-1)	1500 (0-1)	4100 (1-0)
AC v Mar	6343 (1-1)	4063 (1-0)		3850 (0-1)
Well v Foots	2300 (0-1)	4600 (0-1)		
PS v SO	5317 (2-1)	7800 (2-4)	5000 (4-0)	13,132 (1-0)
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Shirra tops — now for the Cup



Jamie Paton collides with team mate Andy Bozikas (left) in his eagerness to get in a shot. At right is Billy Rogers of Hellas. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Sth Melbourne 2 Heidelberg 1

Scorers: Sth Melb. Buljevic 13th, Xanthopoulos 83rd. Heidelberg: Paton 46th.

Ground: Middle Park. **Crowd:** About 12,500. **Weather:** Hot and windy. **Referee:** J. Johnston 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6 — Xanthopoulos 9 — V. Bannon 8, Blair 7, Rogers 8, Davidson 6 — Stenerson 6, Shirra 8, Christopoulos 7 — Evans 8, Buljevic 8.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — Yankos 8 (inj. sub. Provan 81st), P. Bannon 6, Yzendoorn 8, McMillan 8 — Selemidis 7, Campbell 6, Rooney 7 — Cole 5, Paton 7, Bozikas 7.

Jim Shirra lived up to his reputation as a top-liner in this, the second victory by South Melbourne Hellas over Heidelberg since the PSL started in 1977. Now Hellas aims to do it again in the Cup match against Heidelberg at Olympic Park next Wednesday, while Heidelberg aims to re-establish its traditional dominance.

Before last Sunday's game, Heidelberg had won six and drawn four of the 11 games against Hellas.

In previous seasons, the first match between these two teams always ended in a draw. It was only in the second round that Heidelberg asserted its superiority.

Although Hellas was the superior team last Sunday, the



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING 8

match may well have ended in a draw — or even a Heidelberg victory had Gary Cole scored in a breakaway instead of trying a short square ball which, instead of reaching Jamie Paton, was cleared by Steve Blair.

Branko Buljevic maintained his remarkable scoring rate in matches between these two clubs. In opening Hellas's account with a diving header after 13 minutes, he scored his 10th goal in this fixture — four for Hellas and six for Heidelberg from where he transferred in late 1978.

As a result of this loss and its 0-3 to Wollongong the previous week, Heidelberg finds itself dead last on the Phillips League ladder — and on Sunday it meets improving Preston Makedonia, which defeated Sydney Olympic 3-1 last weekend.

Heidelberg played a little better than it had against Wollongong but remains only a shadow of the team it was last year. The quick series of one-touch passes and lay-offs that characterised Heidelberg's play last season were evident only rarely.

Hellas's twin strikers Alun Evans and Branko Buljevic showed a far greater work rate than their counterparts Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, while in midfield Hellas controlled play through Shirra, the model of composure and good sense.

Additional drive came from right back Vince Bannon and from sweeper Arthur Xanthopoulos who had a memorable match and who scored the winning goal seven minutes from the end.

Xanthopoulos was left as a free man, because Billy Rogers was pulled back out of midfield to mark Cole. Steve Blair was on Jamie Paton and Alan Davidson had Andy Bozikas.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has said so often that he wants a sweeper, or libero, who will attack. He should have been there on Sunday to see Xanthopoulos's performance.

Xanthopoulos was on hand to cut off most attacks that passed Blair or Rogers and he bullocked the ball forward, showing no mercy in his tackles. I lost count of the supporting runs he made off the ball, and it was fitting that the honor of scoring the winning goal fell to him.

Billy Rogers also deserves praise. For the third successive week, he was tireless and remorseless. Just ask Gary Cole.

Hellas could persevere with this tactic, though instead of shackling Rogers to the defence, he and Xanthopoulos could alternate during play.

Jim Tansey, Heidelberg's Soccerroo left-back, remained on the sidelines due to injury, but should be back against Makedonia on Sunday.

Hellas took the lead in the 13th minute when Buljevic threw himself at a forward ball from Shirra and headed into goal while horizontal in mid-air.

Cole had a perfect opportunity to equalise in the 25th minute, the ball ran loose from midfield after it had struck referee Jack Johnston, enabling Cole to run goalward unmarked.

But instead of putting it away, Cole tried a short square pass which was cleared by Blair.

Heidelberg maintained a brief period of dominance during which Yzendoorn, Paton and Bozikas all had dangerous shots.

Heidelberg equalised only seconds after half-time through Paton who whipped home a goal after Theo Selemidis had headed down a Bozikas corner.

The goal prompted South Melbourne to step up its efforts and George Christopoulos was unlucky to have a shot cleared off the line by Yzendoorn in the 55th minute.

Christopoulos was foiled again when another good shot was held by goal-keeper Jeff Oliver.

Heidelberg right-back Charlie Yankos was hurt and replaced by Bob Provan in the 83rd minute.

And it was only two minutes later that the winning goal came for South Melbourne.

Buljevic pushed the ball wide on the left to Shirra whose long cross found Evans lurking at the far post.

Evans headed it home and Xanthopoulos hit it home on the volley.

Korea and Qatar in world youth finals here

BANGKOK, — South Korea defeated Thailand 1-0 in the final round of the 22nd Asian Youth Championships here to earn a berth at the world tournament in Australia in October.

The South Koreans scored their lone goal in the 19th minute of the first half, and won the prestigious Abdul Rahman Cup.

Qatar earlier defeated Japan and took second place, gaining the right to take part in the world tournament.

But Thai sports officials said Qatar may bypass its chance, allowing third-placed Japan to go to Sydney.

'Pathetic' says Docherty as Olympic fails to Preston

Preston 3 Syd. Olympic 1

Scorers: Cullen (P) 22nd, Lucchesi (P) 49th, Katholos (SO) 64th, Brown (P) 85th.

Ground: B.T. Connor Reserve. **Crowd:** est. 3000. **Weather:** warm and windy. **Referee:** Evan Venios 7. **Cautions:** Cross (SO), Ollerton (P).

PRESTON: Kastner 6 — Rainey 7, Petrovski 9, Higham 7, Beech 6 — Faulkner 6 (Ward 69th min), Lucchesi 7 (Little 85th min), Flaviole 6 — Brown 7, Ollerton 8, Cullen 9.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 8 — Ankudinoff 6, Zeros 5, Rowden 5, Cross 5 — Katholos 8, Cork 5, Houssini 6 (Mouls 43rd min, injured replaced by K. Wilson 53rd min) — Laing 5, Koussas 7, Jennings 6.

Tommy Docherty was a bundle of nervous energy as his team Sydney Olympic prepared to take the field against Preston.

The team's late arrival

(caused by a flight delay in Sydney) had added a little more urgency to the usually hectic dressing-room atmosphere.

But the 'Doc' has been through this routine hundreds of times before. This is where he does his work.

He shakes each player's hand and wishes him good luck. A pat on the back, and some last-minute instructions, clenched fists and gritted teeth, urging super efforts.

The stakes may have been higher when the 'Doc' was with Manchester United but he acts as though his life depends on the next 90 minutes at Connor Reserve.

Of course as Docherty will tell anyone, winning a game of soccer is far more important than life or death.

But despite Docherty's inspiration, Olympic was defeated 3-1 by Preston Makedonia.

Olympic played badly, and Docherty appeared drained as he paced the dressing room among his battered charges.

Clearly, the 'Doc' was in no



Kyle Patterson

MATCH RATING: 6

mood for clinical analysis of his team's performance.

Tommy, you must not be too pleased with Olympic's game!

"It was pathetic, absolutely pathetic. We started badly and got worse."

What about the renewed efforts after Peter Katholos had made the score 2-1?

"I didn't enjoy one minute of the game."

What did you think of Preston's performance?

"They were bad, but we

were worse. There were some players on the field today who are only good enough to play for a pub team in England."

Tommy, weren't you impressed with individuals like Cullen and Petrovski?

"I wouldn't take any of the Preston players if they were offered to me for free."

What's Olympic's main problem?

"We're not professional enough, and we're too nice a team."

What can you do to solve the problems?

"Work very hard, that's the how. For a start, we'll train every night this week."

Do you always get this upset by defeat?

"Not at all. We lost 3-0 to Wollongong and I wasn't unhappy because we played well. We were beating South Melbourne and ended up drawing, but I wasn't unhappy. But with all due respect to Preston, we were pathetic today."

The victory was Preston's first in the PSL, and on this performance there will be more wins coming up.

Robert Cullen hit top form, and was dynamite on the forward line.

Ljube Petrovski — playing as sweeper gave a fine display of defensive and attacking play.

Big Peter Ollerton stroled about the place, completely in command. His header set up Cullen's goal, and his challenge for Jeff Faulkner's cross set up the opening for Claude Lucchesi to score in the 49th minute.

And when coach Brian Edgely decided to 'sit' on a 2-1 lead, it was Ollerton who dropped back from the forward line to protect the Preston goal.

Preston wasn't extended by Olympic — except for a brief period after Katholos had scored — and could have added two goals to the tally with better finishing.

Doug Brown scored Preston's third goal five minutes from time, effectively taking the sting out of Olympic's semi-revival which followed Katholos' fine goal.

Olympic's midfield was its downfall. Apart from the courageous Katholos, Preston had no opposition in this department.

Olympic goalkeeper Peter Wilson and Katholos put on impressive individual performances.

But two players can't make a team and no amount of positional changes can make a bad team a good one.

The 'Doc' has an interesting few months ahead.

Kafka the only shining light

Leichhardt 0 Brisbane Lions 0

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, Seiler 7, Puler 8, Wilson 7, McIsland 6, Kafka 8, Layden 6 (Coyne 73), Gray 6, Hughes 5, Pirie 5 (Soper 65), O'Connor 5.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 8, Oatway 7, Niven 7, Bennett 7, Hermitton 4, Hogg 8, McLean 6, (McNaughton 58), Konstantinidis 5, Lindsay 6, Ferris 5, Milman 6. **Referee:** Richard Loran 8. **Crowd:** 2651.

In the heat of Lambert Park, Leichhardt side is still floundering, looking for that winning touch. In fact, the home side produced a few chances and should have walked away with both points, but stumbled and fumbled in front of Lions goal missing what surely must be considered some dead "certs".

Bill Pirie, the man who was brought from Scotland to add much needed fire power was the main offender and could be seen in the next Leichhardt game against Blacktown Demons at the Gabie Stadium.

Alan Hughes, another man with fine credentials was also a let down for the home side. He missed a sitter in the dying seconds of the game, when it seemed easier to slow the ball into the net without hitting it, but he skirted his shot to the dismay of many Leichhardt supporters.

It was no wonder that a few of the ardent Leichhardt supporters were asking questions after the game and looking for answers from their coach Willie Wallace. It was well that they had such good defenders otherwise, Leichhardt would have been a beaten team on its performance. Brisbane Lions tried hard but



Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING: 3

never looked good enough to penetrate the home side's defence, while at the other end, few chances were created and as many wasted.

Phil O'Connor, regarded by many as a strong contender for the national team has slipped further away from his form of a couple of years ago. His form as well as that of Coyne, Pirie and Hughes must be a terrible headache for the Leichhardt side.

Zdenko Kafka, the ex-Dinamo and Sydney Croatia player was a bright spot in this side and some of his touches brought roars of approval from the local crowd. However,

his creativity was not exploited and the side got what it deserved — a mere point.

In addition to Kafka, Wilson, Puler and Skellern did well, while Woodhouse was a spectator throughout this match.

For the visitors, young Stephen Hogg was their best, darting about like a terror attempting to get his players into action. Jim Hermitton was at his usual professional best and was well supported by Col Bennett and Alan Niven, while Nigel Lownds in goal was sound.

Ron Millman should be paid extra money for having to run on his own up front every time Lions are playing away from home, while Bobby Ferris must learn to avoid the impact up front.

It should be mentioned that both sides felt the heat on the small strip at Lambert Park and a cold shower would have been greatly welcomed at the end of the game.

So much for suggestions of summer soccer.

At night, maybe!

But certainly not at 3.00 in the afternoon, when most of our soccer loving crowd is enjoying its time at the beach or in the local swimming pool.

HOLLAND, SPAIN

SPAIN
Barcelona 6 Hercules 0, Salamanca 2 Real Betis 0, Real Zaragoza 0 Real Sociedad 0, 1, Real Madrid 3 Las Palmas 0, Real Valladolid 2 Osasuna 1, Almeria 1 Valencia 0, Athletic Bilbao 1 Sporting 1, Sevilla 2 Espanol 0, Real Murcia 0 Atletico Madrid 2.

HOLLAND
Willem 11 Tilburg 0 Utrecht 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 2 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2, Psv Zwolle 1 Excelsior Rotterdam 1, The Hague 1 Sparta Rotterdam 3.

PORTUGAL
Portuguese Cup final result: Vasco Da Gama Da Silva 1 Benfica 2, Farense 0 Porto 2, Quimada 1 Braga 1 (after extra time) Boavista 3 Alcabala 1, Uniao De Leiria 1 Académico Da Coimbra 0, Oporto 2 Fribres 2, Penafiel 0, Leiria 0.

Belgium 1 (after extra time), Standard 3 Perwé 0, Académico Da Brax 3 Lourosa 0, Farense 3 Ropela 1 (after extra time) Paces de Ferreira 1 Uniao De Lamas 0, Estrada Amadora 1, Bero 0 (after extra time) Bochemer 0 Nacional Da Madeira 2, Esperanca De Lagos 7 Caldas Gouveia 0.

SWITZERLAND
Bero 2 Young Boys Bern 2, Chasson 0 Chavris 0, Grasshoppers Zurich 3 Lucerne 1, Neuchâtel Xamax 1 Nordstern Basle 1, St Gallen 3 Zurich 1, Servette Grenchen 0 Bülach 1, Sion 0 Lausanne 0.

FRANCE
Angers 1 Sochaux 2, Auxerre 1 Leval 0, Bastia 3 Nîmes 2, Lille 0 Nantes 3, Lens 2 Tours 3, Monaco 2 Metz 1, Nancy 2 Bordeaux 0, Paris S-G 3 Nice 1, Strasbourg 1, Lens 0, Valenciennes 0 St Etienne 1.

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Boden also was out of form at the weekend. In fact he was substituted for the first time since coming to Australia.

Ivo Prskalo, the national team sweeper, and his Marconi defensive partner Jim Muir who still is under consideration by Gutendorf, both missed the match against Adelaide City due to suspension. Yzendorn played well for Heidelberg but that won't do Australia much good if he's unable to play on April 25.

The Kiwi internationals playing in Australia didn't fare as well as in previous weeks. Although Wollongong's Bill de Graaf had an excellent game against Footscray, both Clive Campbell and Brian Turner were well contained.

Goalkeeper Richard Wilson of Canberra had a great game against Brisbane City, but New Zealand captain Steve Sumner of Newcastle missed the match against Blacktown due to an injury that involved interlocking his fingers. Sumner is out for at least two weeks.

Meanwhile, Charlie Dempsey, chairman of New Zealand's World Cup committee, has said that this World Cup campaign may be New Zealand's last unless it reaches the 1982 finals in Spain.

Dempsey has signed a \$25,000 deal with Wynn's Motor Oil which will cover the cost of the home matches in New Zealand's qualifying campaign, but is looking for another \$125,000.

He admits that to date, the campaign is \$22,000 in the red. Main point of concern is remuneration of players. The Scottish-born chairman stressed that nobody would get rich playing for New Zealand, but it was imperative that they were not out of pocket either.

"Australia is not better than us," Dempsey stated. "It is just that they have more money."

On the same day, in Wellington, the New Zealand Football Association reported a loss of \$15,750 for 1980. This excludes World Cup expenditure.

The national body continues to exist by virtue of registration fees (expected to rise about \$100 a senior team this year), unimaginative raffles, a small number of sponsors, government subsidies and a benevolent bank manager.

Endeavours such as the Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd are light years ahead of NZFA thinking.

Should New Zealand qualify for the final 24, it is doubtful that its association will have the promotional ability to harness the success and boost soccer's popularity to any relevant degree.

A concern far less hypothetical is the game's immediate financial plight.

For the Kiwis it could well be a question of Spain or bust — literally!



TOM ANDERSON

Frank Haffey and David Cliss and you had a team second to none in Australian soccer.

However a great deal has happened at Saints since those glory days and the scene, since the formation of the PSL, has been anything but rosy.

The directors of the club turned their attentions to building a new home for Saints — the magnificent St. George Stadium and left the running of the team to various coaches.

Well, this meant that Saints soon had a super stadium — as usual the directors did an immense job.

But, the same cannot be said for the coaches with the result that Saints are now playing in the State League.

It is no secret that Saints still are smarting over their relegation to the State League.

Also, it is no secret that they firmly believe they were let down when the vote was taken

by a number of "friends" who previously had stated their allegiance to Saints.

Of course the only big question mark in Saints' future is getting back into the PSL.

For with no guidelines laid down — and let's face it this should have been done at the inception of the competition, for promotion and relegation, this is in the lap of the gods.

Or to be more exact, the ASF executive, with the PSL

clubs not having a vote on their own destiny.

The way I see it, is that if Saints clean up in the State League this year they must be brought back into the PSL ranks immediately.

They have their magnificent ground, a highly successful social club to back them and a highly stable administration.

Add to this a brilliant coach and a top team and you have the lot.

So taking everything into consideration and if everything goes according to plan, get ready for Saints bursting back into the PSL in 1982.

And you can take it from me, the mistakes that were made at Saints over the past three or four years will not be made again.

The resurgence of St. George as a force once again in Australian soccer has begun — and you'd better believe it.

The Saints machine got back into top gear in Sydney on Saturday afternoon when it thrashed Avala 6-1 in the opening Coca Cola State League game of the season.

I am now not only going to predict that the Saints will win the Ampol Cup, the State League and the Top Four, but that they will be back in the PSL next year.

A big statement? Well not really, for you see, Saints have that man Frank Arkov back in control and the ace Yugoslav coach means business. Already during his short spell back at Saints, he has re-

vitalised the club and his unquestionable methods have brought quick results.

Ten years ago, Arkov built Saints into one of the most formidable machines ever seen in Australian soccer.

During this time they had in their ranks eight or nine current Australian team players.

Talented performers such as John Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Mike Denton, Atti Abonyi, Don Sandell, Adrian Alston, Harry Williams, Alan Ainslie to name a few.

Add to these names a few old timers such as myself,



NSW AMPOL CUP

By Ted Smithies and Roger Sherack

Chris Thamnidis and Neil Williams exposed gaping holes in the Bankstown defence, scoring two goals apiece in a stunning first round Ampol Cup victory at the St George Stadium.

As early as two minutes, Lakis Georgiou found an unmarked Thamnidis who slotted the ball past Lachowicz to give Berries the lead. Bankstown managed to hold off Canterbury during the rest of the period and in fact scored a brilliant goal through Craig Peck in the 27th minute to go 1-1 at the break.

Berries rattled up five goals in the second half and could have notched a few more against a very disorganised Bankstown defence.

Canterbury made the best of poor conditions (constant rain and slippery pitch), and easily outgunned Bankstown. With Inter Monaro still out of form, Canterbury must be favoured to take out the top place in group C.

Ferenc Arkov, the newly arrived Saints coach showed glimpses of things to come with a new look Saints line-up that made Riverwood look second rate.

Saints 4-2 victory over Riverwood does not reflect the true story of the game and Attie Abonyi, the ex Soccerco and the coach of Riverwood admitted it: "We were under so much pressure all the time; Saints are a strong side and could have been worse," said Abonyi.

Riverwood led after one minute of the first half but fell behind 1-3 after twenty five minutes and were lucky to be in that position as Walker just missed the upright with a good swerving shot and Des Marton hit the cross bar with a well measured header.

In the second half Barton made it 4-1, before a defensive mistake by Davis allowed Fisher to slip in and make the score more respectable for the losers.

Round 1: BANKSTOWN - CANTERBURY 1-6
Bankstown: Lachowicz 5, Beater 5, Amies 4, Lynch 8, Rea 6, (Morris 6), Peck 6, Ferguson 5, Nicora 6, Farthing 8, Gilligan 6.
Canterbury: Elin 7, Kable 7, Lane 8, Karypisios 7, Barton 7, Bino 7, Gill 8, Williams 8, Bester 6, Brown 7, Thamnidis 10, Georgiou 7.

ST GEORGE - RIVERWOOD 4-2
ST GEORGE: Fraser 7, Duarte 8, Terry 7, Barton 9, Hadley 7, McDonald 7, Davis 8, Stone 8, Walker 8, Griffiths 7, Marton 7 (McIntosh 8).

GROUP A
Second round matches:
NORTH SYDNEY - MANLY (postponed)
MELITA - WOLLONGONG 2-2 P. Gialdi, Thomson og. (W), Thomson, Gialdi (M).
Melita: 2 0 2 4 4 2
Wollongong: 2 0 2 2 2 2
Manly: 1 0 1 2 2 1
North Sydney: 1 0 1 0 0 1

Mike Johnson's Wollongong United, minus seven of last year's squad, displayed much more courage and determination to go two up within minutes of the start of the second half. Paul Gialdi scored close to half time to make it 1-0, then Phil Thomson put one into his own net to make it 2-0.

In the 66th minute Gialdi faced the Melita keeper but his job did not find the net and that was the start of a great escape by Melita.

With 20 minutes to go Phil Thomson netted to cut Wollongong's lead and Vic Gaudi slotted Melita's second goal with five minutes remaining to earn a draw for his side.

MELITA: Gaudi 6, McKay 8;

Derrell 8, Daley 7, Thomson 8, Stoddard 7, Falzon 6, (Cahon 6), Barry 6, Allan 5 (Gaudi 7), Farrugia 6.

WOLLONGONG: P. Tarsiovali 7, Talavski 6, R. Slatin 7, Davkovski 7, Petkovski 6, Campbell 6, Nau-movich 7, H. Slatin 6, Gialdi 6, M. Tarsiovali 7, P. Gialdi 6.

GROUP B
Second round:
St George - Parramatta, postponed
Croatia - Riverwood, postponed
Croatia: 1 0 0 5 2 2
St George: 1 1 0 0 4 2
Riverwood: 1 0 0 1 2 6
Parramatta: 1 0 0 1 6 5 0

GROUP C
Second round matches:
Canterbury - Fairy Meadow postponed
Bankstown - Inter Monaro 2-1
Arguingo og, Ferguson (B), Roosters og (M).

Canterbury: 1 1 0 0 1 1
Fairy Meadow: 1 1 0 0 2 2
Bankstown: 2 1 0 1 3 2
Inter Monaro: 2 0 0 2 1 0

Next round: Canterbury - Inter Monaro, 6.45, 11.30 A.M., Seymour Shaw, Bankstown - Fairy Meadow, 6.30, 11.30 A.M., to be decided.

Bankstown, fresh from its loss to Canterbury (1-6) battled hard before overpowering lacklustre Inter Monaro by two goals to one.

Neither team did enough to show that they deserve a place in the quarter finals although, Bankstown has a good chance, having to play Fairy Meadow in its last encounter next week.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 7, Beater 6, Roosters 7, Amies 6, Greg Lynch 8, Rea 6, Peck 6, Glen Lynch 7, Nicora 6, Ferguson 6, Bester 6.

INTER: Caputo 6, Crawford 7, Charles 6, Noble 6, Francis 7, Valeri 7, Arguingo 7, Sautolin 6, Link 6, Heywood 7, Cortesola 6.

Group D:
Results of second round:
Sutherland - Avala 5-2, Bush 3, Connor, Pilavski og. (S), Nylte, Paterson (A).

Polonia - Auburn 4-1, Lemnarczyk, Sookee, Noble, Budini (P) Daley (A) Paterson (A).

Sutherland: 2 1 1 0 5 3
Auburn: 2 1 1 0 2 1
Avala: 2 0 0 2 4 0

Next round: Auburn - Avala, 6.45, Wed. 11.30 A.M. (to be decided)

Polonia wins via Noble

St. George threw off the disappointment of relegation from the Phillips League to run up a massive 6-1 win over Avala in the first round of the NSW State League.

The Saints outclassed Avala on Saturday, then sat back to wait for Sunday's results to see which other team would emerge as likely challengers for this year's title.

Manly caused the major upset by defeating Canterbury 3-2 at Arlingford Oval while newly promoted Polonia also caused an upset by defeating the highly respected Riverwood 3-1.

Last season's premiers, Melita, cruised home 3-1 over Bankstown, while big-spending Croatia demolished the ambitions Riverwood 3-1.

St. George's victory was highlighted by the hat-trick of Yugoslav striker Dez Marton, but more than anything else it indicated that under the astute guidance of Frank Arkov, St. George will be a powerful force in the State League this season.

Croatia cut Riverwood to pieces along the flanks and with their powerful attacking line of Marjan Kovacic, Brian Parker, Peter Hensman, Marcos Silva and Steve Montgomery scored three times before Riverwood could reply.

Parker, Hensman, and Montgomery scored for Croatia, while Tracey netted for Riverwood in the last minute.

Bankstown shocked Melita when they drew level at 1-1 in their encounter at the Soccer Centre, but Ray Farrugia scored twice in the last 15

NSW STATE LEAGUE:
Melita Eagles 3 (Farrugia 2, McCoy) Bankstown City 1 (Hoskey) at Bankstown, Crowd: 180.
Auburn 1 (Brown) Parramatta 0 at Gerald Park, Crowd: 215.
Manly 3 (Fox 2, Dale) Canterbury 2 (Brown, Gargiel) at Arlingford.

**Polonia 2 (Harris, Noble) North Sydney 1 (Yon-nell) at Chippa Park, Crowd: 350.
Sutherland 2 (Buck, Gossens) Monaro 0 at Quasheyburn, Crowd: 1150.
Croatia 3 (Parker, Hensman, Montgomery) Riverwood 1 (Tracey) at Templer Park, Crowd: 320.
St. George 6 (Marton 3, Walker 1, Ainslie 1) Bankstown 1.**

W D L F A PTS
St. Geo 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Avala 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Gialdi 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Suth 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Man 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Polonia 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Auburn 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
ASy 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
N Syd 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Parram 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Riverwood 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Stown 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Monaro 1 - 0 - 1 - 2
Avala 1 - 0 - 1 - 2

DIVISION 1: Sutherland - Riverwood 3-1
Sutherland: 1 0 0 5 2 2
Riverwood: 1 0 0 1 2 6
Sutherland: 1 0 0 5 2 2
Riverwood: 1 0 0 1 2 6

minutes to finish the match off for the Eagles.

Manly's win was a surprise because last year they fought against relegation for most of the season while Canterbury made the final four.

This time they put up a great fight and even came to 2-1 behind to take the match 3-2.

Their new English import Peter Falconer clearly was a success and could help guide the seafarers out of their years in the wilderness.

Polonia and North Sydney provided some good entertaining soccer despite the heat at Chippa Park in Sydney's outer western suburbs.

Polonia scored first when Colin Harris netted before half time.

Robbie Yousef equalised early in the second period but Gary Noble got the winner late in the match with a header.



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Another miracle for Cumberland?

Having performed one minor miracle, Cumberland will be looking for another tonight (Wednesday) when it confronts the Adelaide City Giants in the South Australian Ampol Cup final at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Cumberland sent West Adelaide Hawks crashing out of the Cup with a stunning 1-0 extra time win in the first semi-final last week.

The Giants crushed Croatia 5-1 in the other semi-final to qualify.

Despite its disciplined performance against the Hawks, Cumberland did not surely repeat it against the Giants.

The 1979 Phillips Cup winners are playing too well at the moment to fall to Mike Ball's Foxes.

Captain Gary Marocchi has scored in every round of the competition and he could win the Cup for the Giants.

His long range power shooting will make him a difficult man to stop, but if Cumberland does stifle him there's always Charlie Villani, who has scored four goals in the competition.

Cumberland's big hope is that it frustrates the Giants' strikers and delivers a late goal, put punch at it did against the Hawks.

The Giants will have to keep a close watch on former Giants striker David Leane who is one of the few strikers in the State League who could worry PSL defences.

Cumberland achieved its success against the Hawks when Brian Welsh scored from close range after two minutes of extra time.

Despite having much of the play, the Hawks could not break through Cumberland's defence and in the end only the

brilliant goalkeeping of Martyn Crook prevented Cumberland from winning the match in normal time.

It was a different story for the Giants. They led 3-0 after 14 minutes with headers from John Nyskohus (7th) and Charlie Villani (12th and 14th).

Gary Marocchi rounded off the win with two further goals in the 43rd and 77th minutes. Croatia's consolation goal was scored by Terry Hayes in the 68th minute.

Details: CUMBERLAND: 1 (Welsh 82nd) WEST AD HAWKS 0

CUMBERLAND: Johnson 8 - Leane 8 (O. Pankhurst), Reeves 7, Ball 9, Parks 7 - Marocchi 2, Evans 7, Doherty 8 - Mahony 8, Leane 8, Welsh 7.

WEST AD HAWKS: Crook 9 - Tymczyszyn 9, Haig 8, Topaz 8, Bozanic 7 - McKie 6 (Honeyman) Boyle 7, Marocchi 2 - Mancas 5, Brown 7, McGregor 7.

ADEL CITY GIANTS 5 (Villani 12th, 14th, Marocchi 43rd, 77th, Nyskohus 7th) CROATIA 1 (Hayes 68th).

ADEL CITY GIANTS: Marshall 7 (Calipari), Russell 7, Nyskohus 7, Jones 8, Perin 7 - Molta 7 (Signore), Villani 6, Marocchi 2 - Nyskohus 8 (Doda), Mitchell 7, Buch 7.

CROATIA: Przybylski 6 (Margary) - Williams 7, Donnelly 6, Kotlar 6, Herd 7 - Illicic 7, Paloka 6 (Smythe), Lasan 6 - Caggiano 6, Thomson 6, Hayes 6.

LEADING SCORERS
6 - Marocchi (Giants)
4 - Boyle (Hawks), Villani (Hawks)
3 - McGregor (Hawks)

2 - McGeehy (Hawks), McKie (Hawks), Leane (Cumberland), Caggiano (Croatia), Current (Second Division), Lasan (Croatia).

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Footscray and Preston should draw a huge crowd to tonight's (Wednesday's) Olympic Park battle in the first round of the 1981 Philips Cup.

These two fierce enemies will fight to a standstill after tonight's double header is opened by Victorian State Leaguers Hakoah and Juventus at 6.45 pm.

There's little love lost between Footscray and Preston.

Both sides met in the final of last year's Victoria Cup with a depleted Preston line-up recording a memorable 1-0 victory.

Earlier in the Victoria Cup Preston hammered Footscray 4-1 so the revenge motive will be foremost in the

FOOTSCRAY AFTER REVENGE

mind of the Footscray players as they run on to Olympic Park.

Preston is a fine cup side.

Non-stop running and harassing is a feature of its play. Just watch Preston captain George McMillan. His fierce competitiveness is the hallmark of the Preston side, a competitiveness which should see Preston knock off Footscray and maintain its dominance over its arch rival.

Preston coach Brian Edgley won't miss out on this chance to imbue his players with a positive psychological attitude in their inaugural PSL year. A good win here

would go a long way to erasing the memory of Preston's early losses in its PSL campaign.

The first of tonight's games between Hakoah and Juventus brings together two State League teams with pretensions for top four berths at the end of the season.

Under a never-say-die cup atmosphere critics will be keen to appraise which side has the better chance of succeeding in 1981.

Bobby McGuinness and Fabio Incantalupo are forming an effective spearhead for Juve's attacking bursts. Mendo Ristovski will come under the scrutiny of his former Footscray team mates playing in the second

match against Preston, and he will be keen to show them that he's lost none of his former dash.

Juve's biggest problem will be trying to stop the aggressive running of Stan Webster who seems to be thriving in his second State League season alongside tall team mate Richie McClunie.

McClunie probably will be tagged by Juve's central defender John Creany and although McClunie should win in the air the Juventus front line should do just enough to snatch a berth in the second round of the Philips Cup.

Tonight's (Wednesday's) Philips Cup games with likely winners in capitals:

Hakoah V JUVENTUS at Olympic Park, 6.45 pm.

Footscray V PRESTON at Olympic Park, about 8.30 pm.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

J.U.S.T. has to prove it's the better side



By CEDO CIRKOVIC
Footscray coach

J.U.S.T. has something to prove against Preston Makedonia tonight (Wednesday).

We were always too good for Makedonia until they beat us 4-1 at Middle Park in the Victoria Cup early last year — and they followed up that win by beating us 1-0 in the cup final.

We deserved to lose the first game, but not the second.

The first game was spoilt by fighting, which started with Zdravko Lujic and Ljube Petrovski and got worse as other players joined in.

Makedonia played without Peter Ollerton, Robert Cullen and a few other players in the

final, while we had to make do without Kyri Kyriakoules. We deserved to win that game. So we will try to make up for that loss when we meet Makedonia tonight in the Philips Cup.

I feel sorry Lujic is not here to help us, but hopefully we will have Steve Kakantonis from Hellas.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

Dennis BOLLAND	Kyri KYRIAKOULEAS	Jim KONDARIOS	Jim MILNE
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Now that we're concentrating upon just establishing ourselves in the PSL I



By BRIAN EDGLEY
Preston coach

think we can do really well in this cup. I'd like to predict that we'd hammer Footscray but I'm not going to be drawn into making rash predictions.

I've a healthy respect for Cedric Cirkovic and his side but I can see our lads starting to recapture the form of last year and with an early goal tonight (Wednesday) we'll give Footscray a hell of a game.

We're a very hard side to beat. Just ask any Marconi official. After we played Marconi in Sydney two weeks ago their officials said after the match that we were a really fine side and they thought that we could make the top four.

Our supporters are tremendous and it's important for us to win tonight for their sake as much as for our own.

Basically we're very strong from the front to the back and the players who missed out on playing in last year's Victoria

Cup win against Footscray will be eager to tear into Footscray tonight.

Robbie Cullen needs no motivation. Neither does Peter Ollerton who probably thinks that he got a raw deal at Footscray and wants to show them that he's still a fine player.

'Ollie' is a lot quicker than he was last year. In fact he's looking just like he did when I had him at Hellas. He's training exceptionally well and looking really sharp.

Our three forwards are the fastest combination in the league.

They were too fast for Australian internationals like Jimbo Muir and Ivo Prskalo so I do know how Jim Kondarios and Kiri Kyriakoules are going to stop them.

Kondarios is getting a bit long in the tooth but he's still good in the air. But George McMillan's really hard and tough and although Kondarios

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Ljube PETROVSKI	Peter OLLERTON	John HIGHAM	Steve BEECH
Jeff FAULKNER	Gordon FLAVELLE	Claude LUCCHESI	
Rob CULLEN	George MC MILLAN	Doug BROWN	

is a good player George should have the edge in almost every department. George is very hard to knock off the ball and he's got tremendous speed and will be too fast for Kondarios.

I rate Doug Brown as the fastest player in the league! He's like lightning and believe me we haven't seen the best of him yet. When he's running flat out with the ball he's almost impossible to catch and he's got a terrific shot with both feet.

I reckon he'll be a world beater in another couple of weeks I'll predict that he'll have an outstanding career in Australia.

Ljube Petrovski is an outstanding defensive player. He commands so much respect at the back and I can use him as a tagger or as a creative defender because he's so versatile.

If our midfielders do their job tonight, and I'm sure they will, then the task for Brown, McMillan and Cullen will be made so much easier.

Our midfielders are young but experienced as they've been together for a couple of years and understand each other's play.

I reckon we're a quicker side than last year by at least another two yards.



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Juventus is overrated



By FRED BUNCE
Hakoah coach

We're a better side than Juventus. Not just defensively but overall.

I think Juventus is overrated but it's early in the season and they'll improve. Indeed, although we're playing quite well there's room for improvement.

All that Juventus has up front is Bobby McGuinness. I won't be allocating a tagger for McGuinness. We'll just use the nearest man to mark him.

I'll leave my options open in midfield. Since moving Graham French back there he seems to be enjoying the extra freedom but Chris Kent's suspension has forced me to push Graham forward.

If he comes up against Peter Donaldson I think he'll take him to the cleaners!

Fabio Incantalupo is doing well this year but he lacks experience against Jimmy Wilson. Jimmy's a hard grafter and he follows my instructions to the letter.

The Philips Cup offers real rewards for Hakoah, not just financially but getting into later rounds will give the club a boost if and when it decides to play for entry to the PSL.

It also gives the players the chance to see what's required from

Hard luck Fred



By JOE WILSON,
Juventus coach

We'll give Hakoah a hell of a game and although they're more experienced than us in one of two positions I've got no doubt that our lads will discipline themselves and run out winners at the end.

I think Hakoah needs two players, maybe three, to stop Bobby McGuinness now that he's so confident and sharp.

They might be a bit physical with him to try and put him out of the game. The same goes for Fabio Incantalupo. There's been a few defenders who have tried to rough him up early but they get a hell of a shock when they try that sort of stuff.

Peter Donaldson typifies the new found spirit we've got at Juventus.

John Creany can match Richie McClunie in the air in fact it will take a really top striker to beat Creany.

We can't afford to forget about Graham French and we have to watch out for his runs from deep because he often gets on the blind side of defenders in the box.

Fitness will be a crucial factor but I've no doubt that our lads will see it out to the end.

We're a better side than Hakoah. Our lads are starting to believe in themselves and they're learning to take pride in the club when they pull on the black and white stripes.

At the end of the game I hope to be shaking Fred Bunce's hand and saying hard luck Fred, better luck next time.

JUVENTUS

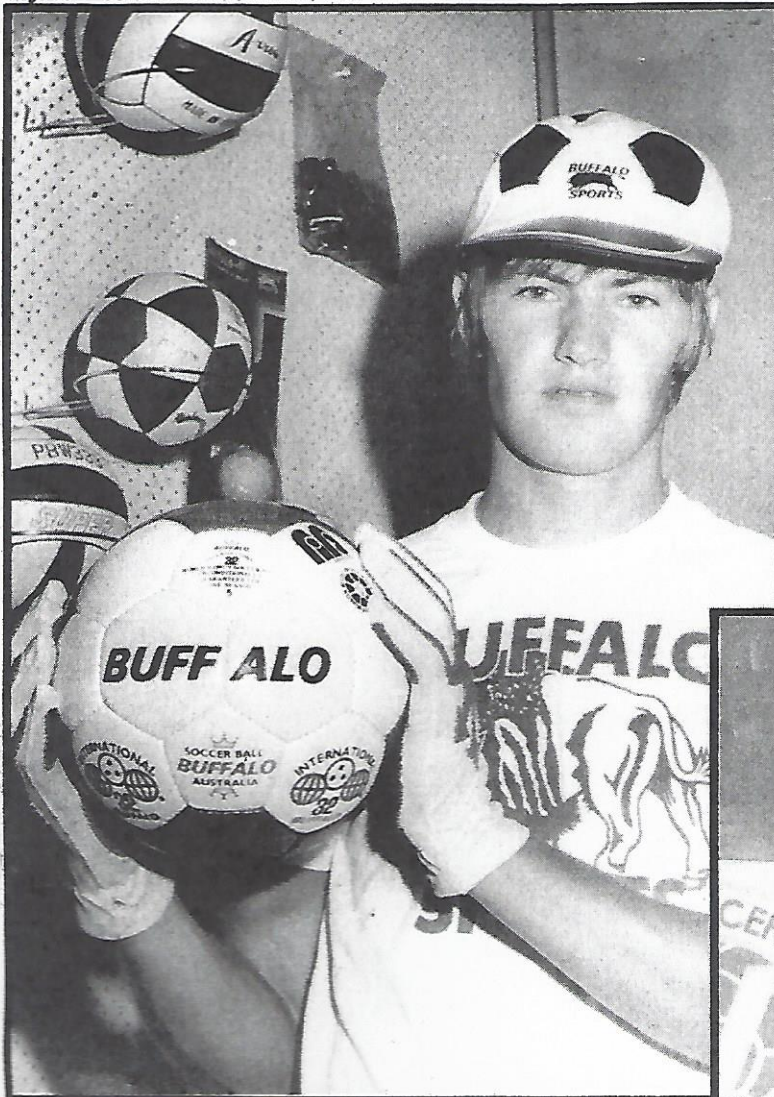
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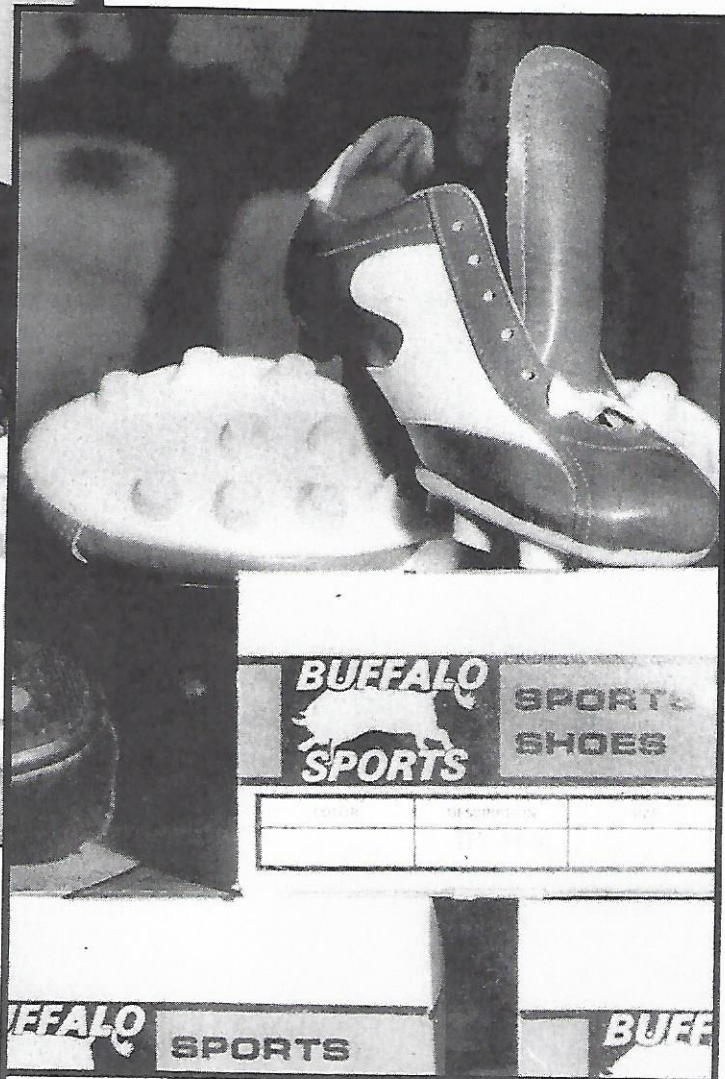
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CROYDON FOR SEMIS

A semi-final berth in the 1981 Ampol Cup is up for grabs when Juventus and Croydon clash at Middle Park this Sunday.

Green Gully Ajax must defeat Northcote this Saturday night at Olympic Park to win through to the semi-finals, knowing that either Juventus or Croydon must lose the following day.

Should Northcote surprise Ajax, goal difference will decide the two group B semi-finalists.

Juventus must be at full strength to beat Croydon but its cause is not helped by the Phillips Cup match it must play tonight (Wednesday) against Hakoah.

Last week injuries to John Creany and Mendo Ristovski forced coach Joe Wilson into fielding a below strength line-up but Croydon won't allow Juve off the hook if Wilson again is plagued by injuries as a result of tonight's match.

Croydon's defence looked impressive against Northcote last week.

Steve McCombe is strong in the air and with Alan Fongho behind him little gets through. Should John Howarth be fit after missing last

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

GREEN GULLY AJAX V Northcote at Olympic Park, Saturday, 7.30 pm.

CROATIA V Ringwood at Olympic Park, Saturday, about 8.50 pm.

FRANKSTON V HAKOAH at Middle Park, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

CROYDON V Juventus at Middle Park, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

SUNSHINE V DOVETON at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

GEORGE CROSS V Altona at Kim Reserve, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

week's game Jimmy Spinks probably will move back to right back. His experience will be crucial against Fabio Incantulupo.

The midfield battle should go Croydon's way. Paul Wade's creativity, Howarth's industry and Duncan Smith's ability to win the ball give Croydon a good blend here.

Juve looks slow in midfield. Charlie Smith, Lou Sannipoli and Fausto Tarquinio aren't noted for their pace.

Provided Bobby McGuinness and Incantulupo can be stifled Croydon should win. But that task is much easier said than done.

Ajax should defeat Northcote this Saturday night.

Gus McLeod is a bustling central striker with the knack of getting onto the end of balls crossed into the area and he'll notch a few goals this season.

The biggest problem with Ajax's attack is that Kevin Wall has been unable to work off McLeod as anticipated.

Northcote has shown interest in disgruntled Juventus striker George Gillan and could be in the market for George Cross spearhead Tony Cowan.

The Northerners will make a last ditch bid for a semi-final berth but must defeat Ajax handsomely to sneak through. It's task looks hopeless.

Frankston's cup aspirations are slim with other hopefuls, Croatia and George Cross, looking likely winners against Ringwood and Altona respectively.

Should the Baysiders defy all reason and hammer Hakoah by enough goals to grab a semi-final spot, the first round at the nearest pub's on me!



BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

All the details

CROATIA 3 (Gilder 2, Adams pen.) **ALTONA 0** at Olympic Park. **MATCH RATING 6.** Referee Stirling 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 6 Short 7, Koska 7, Kerr 8, Bilaver 7 - Tront 5 (Klarin 45th), Adams 8, (Golevic 60th), Murphy 7, Batnicovic 6, Gilder 7, Mitten 6.

ALTONA: Mamihl 7 - P. Wilson 7, K. Wilson 7, Kilpatrick 6, McGarrigle 5 - Watters 8, Innes 7, Murphy 6, Deluca 6 (Baser 50th) - O'Boyle 8, Little 6.

CROYDON 1 (Brogan) **NORTHCOTE 0** at Olympic Park. **MATCH RATING 6.** Referee: Fokianos 7.

CROYDON: Edwards 8 - Brown 7, Pongho 7, McCombe 7, Hudson 7 - Spinks 7, Smith 7, Wade 7 - P. Loughnane 7, Abbott 8, Brogan 8.

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 6 - Kalifatis 7, Buzika 7, Karabatsos 7 (Ignatidis 65th), Fakos 5 - Gatsonis 7, Betticchio 6, Rujevic 7, Paulsen 6 (Stogianovic 54th) - Sahinidis 7, Tsatsos 5.

RINGWOOD 2 (Greener, O'Riley) **FRANKSTON 1** (McCluskey) at Croydon Park. **MATCH RATING 6.** Referee Voutsinas 8.

RINGWOOD: Bravo 6 - Passalunghi 7, Layton 7, Brooks 7, Verriera 7 - O'Callaghan 8, Malt 7, Greenwell 7 - Anderson 8, Reid 6 (O'Riley 45th), Greener 7.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thomson 8, Adams 7, McCluskey 8, Campbell 6 (Reader 54th) - Young 6, Cooper 7, Ormond 6 (Webb 50th) - Stewart 7, Buchanan 7, Burroughs 6.

DOVETON 1 (Irvine pen) **AJAX 7** (McLeod) at Croydon Park. **MATCH RATING: 8.** Referee Upjohn 5.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 8 - McConville 8, Corke 7, Merrick 8, Thurlow 7 - Train 8 (sent off 65th), Wilcock 7, Campbell 7 - Irvine 7, Charlie 7 (Bradshaw 17th extra time).

AJAX: Danya 7 - Laws 8, Cannell 8, Gardiner 8, Smart 6 - Houghan 6 (deaf N.T.), Vassiliou 7, Bennett 7 - Wall 6, McLeod 7, Morrey 7.

SUNSHINE 2 (Nelson) **JUVENTUS 2** (Incantulupo 2) at Chaplin Reserve. Juventus won 7-6 on penalties. Match rating 8. Referee: Yelland 5.

SUNSHINE: Contini 6 - Dixey 8, McDonald H.T. (extra time), Senterley 7 (Bradshaw 17th extra time).

JUVENTUS: Fantome 7 - Donaldson 8, McMillan 8, Tarquinio 7, Hird 6 - Curcio 5 (Romano 45th), Smith 6, Sannipoli 7, Lucio Sial 6 - McGuinness 7, Incantulupo 7.

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Flaherty, Mizzi) **HAKOAH 1** (McCluskey) at Chaplin Reserve. **MATCH RATING 8.** Referee: Fokios 5.

GEORGE CROSS: Amos 8 (Day H.T. 7) - Dasa 6, Wilkinson 8, Morgan 7, Maitland 6 - Gamin 7, Bannion 7, McKintley 6 - Farmer 7 (Flaherty 50th), Zeigelaar 6, Mizzi 8.

HAKOAH: Fryzzer 7 - Gadsby 6, Thompson 6, Jordanou 7, (McNeil 70th), Edmondson 4 - Blair 6, Cooper 7, Ormond 6 (Webb 50th), Webster 7, Deasos 7 (Mallaghan H.T. extra time).

Ampol Cup standings:

SECTION A

W	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	1 10 2 6
Hakoah	3 1 6 3 6
Geo Cross	2 2 4 4 4
Frankston	2 2 5 6 4
Ringwood	2 2 3 4 4
Altona	0 4 0 9 0

SECTION B

W	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	3 1 8 5 6
Croydon	3 1 5 2 6
Ajax	3 1 7 6 6
Northcote	2 2 6 6 4
Doveton	1 3 4 7 2
Sunshine	0 4 5 9 0

Ampol Cup goalscorers:

4 - Incantulupo (Juventus) **3 - Gilder (Croatia)**
2 - Nelson (Sunshine), Murphy, Adams, Batnicovic (Croatia), McGuinness (Juventus), Mizzi (George Cross), Spinks (Croydon), Tsatsos (Northcote), Wall, McLeod (Ajax), Webster, McCluskey (Hakoah), Adams (Frankston), Brogan (Croydon).

1 - Gatsonis, Sahinidis, Palauaso, Nicolades (Northcote), Lewis, Cannell, Morrey (Ajax), Tront (Croatia), Irvine, Collier, Train, Thurlow (Doveton), Scerri, Mudrinic, Exposito (Sunshine), Gillan, Ristovski (Juventus), Wyllie (Croydon), French, Kent (Hakoah), Dalrymple, Buchanan, McCluskey (Frankston), Rigby, Flaherty (George Cross), Thom, Greener, O'Riley (Ringwood).

Ten Doves fly high

Send-offs, controversy and a gallant fight by Doveton when reduced to ten men highlighted an interesting fourth round of Ampol Cup matches last weekend.

The Doves were magnificent in defeat after Jim Train was sent off in the second half, the first time he'd received his marching orders in an 11-year Australian career.

Their opponent Ajax continued to struggle to knit together. Sweeper John Gardiner had an unusually poor game. His disposal let him down and he often was collared just as he prepared to release the ball.

Kevin Wall again failed to impress but bustling striker Gus McLeod took the game into extra time with a near post header from Bill Morrey's corner which levelled Steve Irvine's successful penalty attempt earlier in the second half.

The Doves were undeterred by Train's send-off and their commitment was so fierce that they threatened to send Ajax to an inglorious defeat.

Referee Upjohn had a poor

game. He awarded a penalty to Doveton after Grant Smart allegedly fouled Irvine but he failed to reciprocate for Ajax when Doveton sweeper Ernie Merrick clearly handled inside the area ten minutes later.

Doveton's defence was magnificent.

Little Alex McConville was at his tigerish best, Paul Corke was great in the air, Peter Thorlow showed some fine skills under pressure and behind them all sweeper Ernie Merrick was a commanding figure, ever encouraging and organising his defence and reading play excellently.

There's no doubt that the Doves need more striking power but if last weekend's effort is indicative of their approach to this inaugural State League season then they'll do themselves and the club proud.

The first of last Sunday's Croydon Park double header saw a revitalised Ringwood

earn a thoroughly deserved win at Frankston's expense.

Ringwood right winger Alex Anderson ran riot for most of the game. Central defensive partners David Brooks and John Luyten combined effectively to blunt most Frankston attacks while John O'Callaghan, Bob Malt and Gary Greenwald won in midfield.

Ian Greener opened the scoring in the first half when he ran in and from point blank range tapped home Anderson's low drive which flashed across the goalmouth.

Frankston replied quickly. Bruce Young's far post free kick found the head of Danny McCluskey who beat the challenge of Ringwood keeper Carlos Bravo and levelled the score.

Mike de Bruyckere's second half substitution proved decisive.

Paul O'Riley arrived last Friday and hadn't acclimatised in time for a full game but he replaced Calder Reid in the 45th minute and scored the winner eight minutes later.

Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert made a series of fine saves but he could do little more than palm out Anderson's cross and O'Riley pounced from about ten metres and struck the ball home.

Gilbert and McCluskey were Frankston's best.

Instead of providing cover for his full backs McCluskey found himself regularly forced into one-on-one situations. He won most balls in the air and his goal capped a fine display.

Croydon shaded Northcote by a solitary goal last Saturday night at Olympic Park and the main feature of Croydon's display was its defensive organisation which completely blotted out Northcote spearhead Spiro Tsatsos and gave limited opportunities to Sakis Sahinidis.

A terrible second half blunder by Mark Karabatsos who lost possession in the middle of a square Northcote defence allowed Dave Brogan to tap in the winner.

Northcote's best chance to level was thwarted by a brave save from Croydon keeper Mick Edwards.

In a desperate move to give Northcote's attack a focal point coach Jim Klaris moved Kris Kalifatis up front and after fine work by Sahinidis, Kalifatis headed across goal but Giovanni Battistotto's lunging slide was too late and Edwards flung himself down to smother well.

In the final minute Con Fakos attempted a silly pass back to Tachiris, Brogan broke clear and was felled by the Northcote keeper. But young Tachiris made amends with a fine save from Peter Loughnane's penalty try.

The second game at Olympic Park last Saturday threatened to provide goals galore. Altona hadn't scored in the Ampol Cup and faced mighty Croatia, leading scorer in the competition.

But the spirit and endeavour of Altona held its more glamorous opponent at bay until Carl Gilder struck in the 23rd minute.

Ante Bilaver played a through ball, Gilder shrugged off the challenge from young Brian Kilpatrick, rounded Altona keeper Rob Memishi and tapped the ball into the unprotected goal.

But Altona stuck to its task and Memishi and his fellow defenders frustrated Croatia's 'name' players for the remainder of the half.

Altona coach John Brown

was incensed by the 46th minute penalty decision of referee Stirling who pointed to the spot claiming that Altona defender had deliberately handled.

"That decision really hurt us as the lads played their hearts out," said Payne after the match.

Keith Adams had no difficulty in converting the penalty and nine minutes later an inch perfect header by Noel Mitten set-up Gilder who tapped the ball past Memishi for his second and Croatia's third.

But Gilder blew his chance of a hat-trick in the 62nd minute when his penalty attempt was foiled by the base of the upright.

Croatia's players were disappointed after the match with their performance, good although Altona was beaten 3-0 its players deserved a pat on the back for their endeavour.

Spectators at Chaplin Reserve last Sunday certainly got their money's worth.

The afternoon provided a rough encounter between Hakoah and George Cross in which Hakoah's Chris Kent was sent off and a thrilling penalty showdown between Juventus and Sunshine with the miss from Sunshine youngster Steve Scerri allowing Juventus to escape with both points.

Cross was without Dave Rigby who was in hospital recovering from a nose operation due to breathing difficulties. Laurie Bilusic who hurt his ankle in an industrial accident and the injured Robert Mirak.

Its hard fought win was all the more meritorious with a depleted squad but when Richie McCluskey pounced on Oliver Gay's parry from Stan Webster's header it looked as though Cross would lose.

Then Brian Flaherty struck with four minutes of normal time left.

Billy Wilkinson played the ball to Harry McKinlay who sent Flaherty away. The former Makedonia and Austria striker celebrated his return to State League ranks with a fine equaliser after his well timed run had caught Hakoah defenders Les Thompson and Gerry Edmondson square.

Referee Fokios had waved his yellow card about on half a dozen occasions in normal time but his most important decision came half way through the first half of extra time when he gave Chris Kent his marching orders for alleged dangerous play.

An unmarked Ray Mizzi headed past Hakoah keeper Alfie Fryzzer who had stood on his line and the Cross half opened up the race in section A for two semi-final berths.

Sunshine's two goals near the end of both halves of normal time almost sent Juventus sinking to defeat in the second Chaplin Reserve clash.

The Shiners struck just before half time when Rob Nelson beat Juve's offside trap and slotted the ball home past the helpless Alex Fantoma.

Fabio Incantulupo gave Juve a 2-1 lead in the second half with Lou Sannipoli and Bobby McGuinness's help. The first of the Australian youth player's goals came from a Sannipoli pass which sent Incantulupo through into a one-on-one with Sunshine keeper Alan Contini and McGuinness's close ball skills set up number two. The 1980 Rothmans Medalist beat Mike Dixey and Steve Ellis and cut the ball back to the incoming Incantulupo who made no



Flying Northcote winger Sakis Sahinidis eludes this sliding tackle from Croydon left back Gary Hobson.



Two new signings clash. On the left is Northcote's Kris Kalifatis, ex-Hellas. Close behind is Croydon's English import Peter Abbott.

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Johan Neeskens and Liam Brady were totally eclipsed in games against Holland and Eire, while

A link-up with one of the more powerful clubs was therefore considered to be in the national interest and few clubs are more powerful than Boca Juniors.

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Beware of the 'body snatchers'

A speech by Dr. W. W. Ewans at a conference in Adelaide last year should be studied by anyone who in some way or other is involved with junior soccer, and I only hope that people who read this article will derive some benefit from it.

Children as young as five and six were being forced into a highly organised and competitive sporting atmosphere Dr Ewans claimed.

"Soccer and football are the chief offenders but those involved in other sports are equally guilty of body snatching," he said.

"The continued involvement of young children in highly stressful competition operates in spite of the fact that the official position in many organisations (rugby, soccer, cricket) is that they should NOT begin before the age of 10 to 12.

"The question of the appropriateness of adult-oriented sports for young children is not new — sports administrators have been arguing about it for years.

"Unfortunately, the focus has been on talk rather than action. At one end of the continuum is the purist who believes that the game must not be tampered with. At the other end, are those who believe organised sport is not appropriate to the socialisation of the young.

"The great pity is that both extremist views are self-destructing."

Dr Ewans said it was imperative that if sport was to be available to all, then the methods of inducing young children into the game must be critically examined and a rational development programme introduced.

The evidence was reasonably conclusive that from a physiological, psychological and sociological perspective, young children were NOT equipped to handle a major sport in the accepted sense.



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"Some attempts have been made to modify the learning experiences for young players — tee-ball, sevens rugby, modified Australian Rules to name a few," Dr Ewans said.

"But no school system, nor national sporting body has yet been prepared to legislate modifications that will develop a sound sport vocabulary that enables children to explore and discover the excitement of playing a game well.

"The major drawback of all the current attempts at modification is that they approach the problem from the wrong perspective.

"They attempt to break the game down rather than build it up.

"Therefore, the traditional ends remain paramount — winning is runs, goals or tries based on traditional criteria.

KB youngsters backed by steel

Newcastle United Soccer Club has signed an \$8,000 sponsorship deal with Allico Steel to support the Club's Youth Team in 1981.

The sponsorship means that the side will have the backing of the Tomago-based firm in time for the start of the first competition match against Sydney City Youth at the International Sports Centre this Sunday.

Allico's contribution will fully cover the youth side's administrative, coaching and travelling costs for the 1981 season.

A new youth playing strip, incorporating Allico Steel's symbol has been ordered by the club. The youth side is coached by the club's assistant manager, Mr Frank Campbell and has entered for the inaugural season of the Australian Youth League's nine-team Eastern Division.

Newcastle will play most of

its home youth matches at curtain raisers to the senior team's Phillips Soccer League appearances at the International Sports Centre.

The other eight youth teams will be drawn from the five Sydney based PSL clubs, one from Wollongong, one from Canberra City and another from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

The members of Newcastle's youth squad are:

Darryl Slatyer, age 16, goalkeeper, previous club Central Coast. Glen Wand, age 16, defender, previous club Kotara South. Nigel Drysdale, age 17, left side player, previous club Central Coast. Neil Anderson, age 18, centre back, previous club Adamstown Rosebuds. Simon Brandt, age 16, defender, previous club Kotara South. Bernard Kirby, age 17, midfielder, previous club Wallsend. Ralph Maier, age 16, midfielder, previous club South Cardiff. George Ratty, age 16, midfielder, previous club Kotara South. Robbie Green, age 16, midfielder, previous club West Wallsend. Ross Wells, age 16, striker, previous club Kotara South. Tony Caban, age 16, striker, previous club Edgeworth. David Lowe, age 16, striker, previous club Wallsend. Grant Storey, age 18, striker, previous club Edgeworth.

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CENTRAL REGION — Co-ordinator Mrs M. Kane 557 4215 (H) U/12 Coach: Mr Z. Clanton Manager: Mr M. Hosen 419 5903

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U/13 Coach: Mr B. Prodewsky

Trials at Croydon Ground Dorset Rd. Croydon, Sunday's at 10 am

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U/15 Coach: Mr H. Gatt

Trials at Croydon Ground Dorset Rd. Sunday's at 12 noon

U/16 Coach: Mr B. Prodewsky

Trials at Croydon Ground Dorset Rd. Sunday's at 1.00 pm

U/17 Coach: Mr B. Prodewsky

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U/19 Coach: Mr B. Prodewsky

Trials at Croydon Ground Dorset Rd. Sunday's at 1.00 pm

\$500,000 boost for Dandenong

Victorian Second Division club Dandenong City has been given a \$500,000 boost in its drive toward regaining the First Division status it lost last year.

The Dandenong council recently allocated this vast sum in loan funds to provide Dandenong with one of the finest sporting complexes in the state.

The loan announcement is the first feather in the cap of new club president Bob Grant.

The first stage of the complex's development involves the building of an amenities block and two soccer pitches.

Stage two will see the completion of an auditorium able to seat 200 people and will include a stage and boardroom.

A further four pitches will be made available by the project's completion.

The council's initiatives have been matched by Dandenong's recruiting campaign for this season.

Charlie Murphy has been signed from Croydon, Chris Valli has crossed from Frankston City and former Hakoah and Box Hill defender Jim Lapish has signed.

Keeper Ray Davies has re-signed and Dandenong is chasing two State League players one of whom will appear before the VSF Appeals Board tonight (Wednesday).



Charlie Murphy

Keeper Kiwi tops two sports

"I wonder what his transfer fee is?" mused Channel 7 cricket commentator Frank Tyson during a recent one-day encounter as New Zealand cover fielder Mark Burgess deftly flicked a return to wicket-keeper Ian Smith via his right boot.

Unknown to Tyson and the vast majority of viewers, Burgess in fact had a distinguished career as a soccer player before giving the game away to concentrate on the summer sport in 1970.

The New Zealand Player of the Year in 1965, he represented his country just once. Appropriately the match produced a "cricket score" as Manchester United centered to a 11-0 win during their 1967 tour.

A creative schemer with delicate ball control and fine passing ability, Burgess was also a long throw specialist — overarm of course. — PAUL MOON.

Rovers revamped

The junior section of the club is looking for a few more boys to fill up a number of squads, especially for U.15 and U.16.

Doncaster also has a new junior co-ordinator in John O'Bierne who has just returned

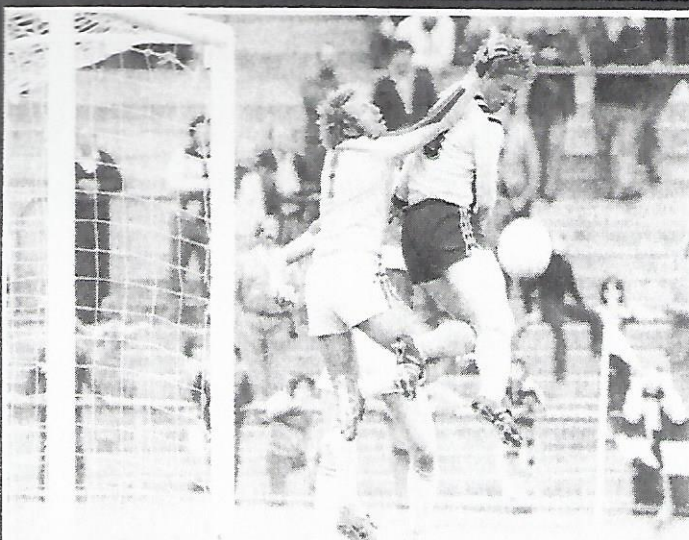
KB re-signs Endacott

Newcastle KB coach Alan Vest, has announced that Neil Endacott now has a medical clearance to play football and that he has been re-signed by the club.

Endacott was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident on February 7 last year.

Send us your photos

Our junior page is scheduled to start again soon, so we invite junior clubs and schools from all over Australia to get involved. What we want most of all is PHOTOS of junior teams or promising individual players about whom there is a story to tell. You send us the photos and the information, and we'll print it. The address is: "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street, MELBOURNE, Vic



This week's entry has been submitted by Barry Smith of 76 Hewish Road, Croydon, Vic. The photo shows Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher punching clear under pressure from Heidelberg's Gary Cole in a 1980 PSL match.

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Wellington City, backed by Westfield and the Wellington Leagues Club, was formed from scratch to give the ill-fated region representation in the 1991 Super 12. After the first two games Wellington — the Wolves — were so out of the competition that the groundswell in the club's favour was over. The Wolves were led by Kelly Toke, the NSW Legislative Assembly member for the region. The players were by and large New Zealanders, but it was player-coach Graham Burt, Alan Hogg, Elliott, Neville Arningham and a budget of only \$70,000. In one of the starkest recruiting campaigns on record, Morton has put together a squad that consists of four players from Tasmania, three from New Zealand, one from Newcastle, one from Edgecote, two from local club Wellington United, one from Perth and five from England. Top men are New Zealand internationals Clive Campbell and Brian Turner.



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Willie Murray: almost joined Best in U.S.

Sydney City's hopes of retaining its PSL crown have been given a considerable boost by Willie Murray, a teammate of the great George Best less than a year ago.

Before joining the "Slickers", Murray had been on the books of Scottish club Hibernian for seven years, having been signed from Salveson Boys' Club as an 18-year-old.

At the time the Edinburgh-based outfit was one of the top clubs in the land, challenging the traditional domination of Rangers and Celtic.

Competition for first-team places was intense and Murray had to wait eight months before making his debut and then only as a late substitute against Dundee.

League appearances were sporadic during the course of the next three seasons as he became an almost permanent fixture on the substitutes' bench.

The highlight of a frustrating period was undoubtedly the 1975 Scottish League Cup final when Murray was allowed to display his skills before a crowd of 54,000.

Unfortunately the "Hi-Bees" were thrashed 6-3 by Celtic, for whom former Adelaide City favorite Dixie Deans slammed a hat-trick.

A brief, unhappy taste of European soccer was to follow two years later, Murray being a member of the Hibernian team surprisingly eliminated from the UEFA Cup by Swedish amateurs Oester Vaxjo.

It wasn't until 1978 that he established himself as a first team regular, playing in 21 Premier Division encounters that year, plus a further two UEFA Cup games.

The winger was to prove exasperatingly inconsistent though, mixing brilliant performances with miserable ones and midway through the 1978-79 term he returned to the reserves. Murray's career was hindered by the dramatic decline of Hibernian as a force in Scottish soccer. No longer were there first-class players around to guide him. Instead there was a motley collection of over-the-hill veterans and raw youngsters.

During the course of last season no fewer than 29 different names appeared on the Hibernian team sheet as manager Willie Ormond desperately tried to stumble upon a winning formula. When Murray was re-called to the first team he found himself on the opposite wing to George Best, the Irish genius having been recruited from America in an effort to salvage the rapidly-sinking ship.

Hibernian was doomed to relegation though and, despite a number of inspired performances by the two wingers, finished with a mere 18 points from 36 games.

Best was impressed with Murray's play to such an extent that he tried to interest his NASL club, San Jose Earthquakes, to recruit him, but the deal fell through.

Ormond, the former Scottish national team manager, retired from the Hibernian post due to ill health in August. Successor Bertie Auld immediately set to work with his new broom and, surprisingly, Murray was given a free transfer.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson, in Scotland on a recruiting mission, immediately snapped up the tricky winger.

With Hibernian Murray made 60 full appearances in the league, plus another 15 as substitute. He netted seven goals. Fast and elusive, the 25-year-old has the potential to quickly establish himself as one of the great characters of the PSL. — PAUL MOON



Mike Johnson

Can the magic of Docherty match the Morton method?

It was interesting to watch the differing styles displayed by Wollongong City and Sydney Olympic in a recent clash at the Wollongong Showground.

Wollongong, built on English players with an English coach Ken Morton played a disciplined, organised, methodical game.

Olympic played with individual flair and dash characteristic of teams under the control of Scotsman, Tom Docherty.

The strengths and weaknesses of both styles became evident during the game.

In the first half the controlled Wollongong game, with its emphasis on supporting runs in attack and defence, one-touch passing and overall emphasis on teamwork, definitely looked superior.

Olympic's dash and flair was often misplaced, often producing 1v2 situations, with one Olympian continually losing out to two Wolves because of lack of support.

Olympic looked useful but continually stuttered and stopped with players going too often "one-out".

In the second half a weakness through the centre of Olympic's defence allowed Wollongong two more goals, but the Greek-supported team had definite superiority throughout the half.

The Poms were red in the face with the heat and seemed to tire.

Without the same sort of support around the ball the Wollongong game began to fall apart and Olympic began to appear quite an attractive side.

Certainly it was a game that quite easily could have had a different result.

Tom Docherty always has encouraged attacking flair.

At their best his teams produce exciting, crowd-pleasing games.

Manchester United saw the Docherty extrovert style reach its pinnacle.

The more conservative Dave Sexton, who took over United from Docherty, is finding the Doc's "magic" a cross he has had to bear as Manchester sought the consistency to win a league title.

On the other hand the bubble, froth and flair of the all-out attacking game can burst and descend into shambles in some situations.

It seldom produced the stability and consistency achieved by Leeds (the method team) or the machine-like precision of a Liverpool.

Yet it is probably what the people want to see. One Greek supporter said to me after the game: "I liked that soccer, even though we lost, I liked the soccer."

Whether he, or others like him, will continue to say this if Olympic keeps losing is another matter.

The Wollongong emphasis on teamwork should ensure a safe seat in the Phillips league.

It has some good players.

Campbell, Fleming, Lathan, Tedinnick, McBreen and Dunleavy looked especially useful.

There is a lack of speed in the back four and I wonder, at this stage about goalkeeper Preston.

Captain and covering defender Dunleavy is a beautifully composed player.

Tom Docherty has some real skill to work with in the form of Housseini, Moulis, Katholas, Laing and slim midfielder newcomer, Cork. Left-sided player Jennings is one of the most stylish runners in the game, with graceful and deceptive acceleration.

Probably Docherty would like to put some defensive stiffness into this rather exotic mix, without turning a soccer pavlova into a pudding.

Heidelberg's Gary Cole (left) gets the better of Bill de Graaf and Wollongong goalkeeper Jim Preston, but Wollongong won 3-0.

de Graaf aims to play World Cup

By PAUL MOON

Wollongong City's New Zealand recruits Clive Campbell and Billy de Graaf are both, naturally enough, eager to establish themselves quickly in the PSL. For de Graaf however the forthcoming weeks are particularly crucial.

Unlike Campbell, he is not a current international and the transfer to Wollongong provides a belated opportunity to confirm the enormous potential he displayed as a 16-year-old.

Born in Holland, de Graaf emigrated to New Zealand with his parents while still an infant.

An outstanding junior, representing the North Island at various age levels, he joined the Auckland club Eastern Suburbs upon leaving school in 1967.

Suburbs were already the outstanding club side of the

period, but the strong, bustling, enthusiastic newcomer gave them an added dimension whether playing in midfield or as striker and they duly won the Chatham Cup, symbol of supremacy in New Zealand soccer.

During the same season de Graaf made his debut for the Auckland provincial side, scoring in a shock 2-2 draw against crack Czech team Slavia Prague, and for New Zealand during a 0-3 reverse at the hands of Cardiff City.

At 17 years of age, de Graaf appeared set for a long run in the national team, although it was with the Auckland XI with whom he enjoyed his finest moments, including a hat-trick against the touring Swiss side FC Zurich and a fine performance in the 3-1 victory over Queensland, a game staged to commemorate the opening of Perry Park.

After a mediocre performance against New Caledonia in 1972 the Eastern Suburbs striker was dropped from the national team, not to be recalled for eight years.

Although out of favour with the New Zealand selectors, he was still first choice for Auckland and appeared for them in the 0-0 draw with Australia at the Sydney Showgrounds in 1974.

The game, part of Rale Rasic's World Cup build-up, saw Auckland defending in depth against the Socceroos, whose finishing was pathetic. Two days later Auckland lost 2-1 to Northern New South Wales.

During the course of the next four seasons de Graaf proved remarkably enigmatic. Playing in the colors of three different clubs and used at various times as central defender, midfielder and striker,



It was little wonder he found difficulty in maintaining consistency.

In 1978 a transfer to Mount Wellington, the dominant force of New Zealand soccer in recent years, saw de Graaf, now settled at centre half, produce outstanding form.

Although chosen for the national "B" team to contest the Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, it was obvious to de Graaf that national coach John Adshhead did not include him in his future plans.

Having gained three National League Champions' medals and four Cup Winners' medals, New Zealand domestic soccer held little further incentive and the opportunity to play in Australia, with its higher playing standard and greater financial rewards, was gratefully accepted.

City coach Ken Morton, who opposed de Graaf on a number of occasions whilst playing in the New Zealand National League, is fully aware of the commanding centre half's talents.

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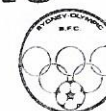
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